

Moosehorn

National Wildlife Refuge

Fact Sheet for Members of Congress

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Profile

Established:	1937
Current acres:	28,686
Staff:	6
FY 2003 budget:	\$580,082
2002 volunteer hours:	2,905
2002 visitation:	36,000

Purpose

Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge was established to serve as a breeding ground for migratory birds and other wildlife.

Public Use Notes

- Canoeing
- Eagle and osprey observation deck
- Wheelchair-accessible fishing pier
- Two interpretive trails, one of which is wheelchair-accessible
- Environmental education programs featuring "Bart" the eagle
- Summer programs/weekly guided environment tours
- Annual children's fishing derby in June
- Fall colors auto tour route
- Excellent photo opportunities of birds and bears

Management Activities

- Managing habitat and conducting research on the American woodcock
- Providing habitat for migratory birds
- Enhancing wetlands for waterfowl and other wildlife
- Providing nest platforms and boxes for a variety of wildlife
- Preserving natural diversity and plant and animal abundance
- Protecting and maintaining two wilderness areas
- Enforcing federal wildlife laws and refuge regulations
- Controlling exotic invasive species

Highlights

Moosehorn is the easternmost refuge in the Atlantic flyway.

Moosehorn is the only refuge where the American woodcock is intensively studied and managed.

It was another successful year for the pair of eagles nesting along Route 1, and the thirteenth year an eaglet was successfully hatched.

The refuge offers important breeding ground for waterfowl, including black and wood ducks and Canada geese.

Welcome to our newly established Friends of Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge.

Issues

Significant decline in eastern woodcock population

Air quality impacts to wilderness areas

Rockweed harvest on refuge lands



Lack of law enforcement, increasing public use and drug trafficking decrease our ability to manage effectively

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